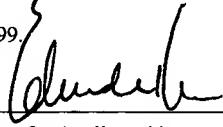


Claims 2 and 6 are amended to correct the typographical errors pointed out on page 3 of the Examiner's Answer. In addition, Claim 2 is rewritten into independent form. As amended, Appellants believe that Claims 2, 3 and 5 are now in allowable form.

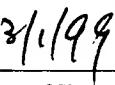
If the Examiner has any questions relating the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Appellants at 408-453-9200.

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